

May 15, 2013 *Obituary*

Richard Marske, 81

Richard passed away May 11, 2013 at Sun Dial Manor in Bristol. God has opened up the heavens and proclaimed, son, it is time to come home, your work is done. No more pain, no more suffering. Eternal life is yours as promised.

Services for Richard Marske, 81, of Andover will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 15th at Zion Lutheran Church, Andover. Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow in the Andover City Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.



Visitation will be held at the church in Andover on Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Richard Dean Marske was born September 28, 1931 in Day County to Ernest and Louise (Hayenga) Marske. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, Andover. After graduating from Andover High School in 1951, he worked on the family farm, southeast of Andover. He was united in marriage with Audrey McKittrick, April 12, 1953 at the Pierpont Lutheran Church. Richard was drafted into the US Army in September of 1953, and was stationed in Texas, California and Ft. Benning, Ga. He was honorably discharged in September of 1955 and returned home to Andover to farm.

Richard was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and had held various positions within. He served as Township Supervisor for over 20 years and was a member of Andover American Legion Post #258 for over 50 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was an avid sport player and fan. Richard was a man of few words, but was always there with a helping hand.

Celebrating his life are his children, Susan Patton, Andover; Marcia Marske, Aberdeen; DeAnne Marske, Aberdeen; Dennis (Sandy) Marske, Andover, and Denise Marske, Aberdeen; two grandchildren, Michelle Patton and Mike Patton; one great-grandchild, MacKenzie Patton; one sister-in-law, Marie Marske, Marion, SD, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Audrey; one sister, Ruth Marske; three brothers, Robert, Don and Harry, and one sister-in-law, Leone Marske.

Honorary casketbearers were all of Richard's friends and family including his coffee bunch. Active casketbearers were Bill LaMee, Jim Kroll, Jim McKane, Brad Morehouse, Tim Olson and Bruce May.

We had you longer than any of us imagined and although it's going to be hard to say goodbye, we know that you have missed mom for a long time and now you can be with each other again, now and forever. Love, your kids.